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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of YAMAZAKI et al.

Confirmation No. 1088

Application No. 10/597,380

Examiner:

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Group Art Unit:

For: HYDROTALCITE-LIKE SUBSTANCE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
AND METHOD OF IMMOBILIZING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. A copy of each foreign language reference is enclosed, along with an English language abstract. The references were cited in an Office Action prepared by the Japanese Patent Office on a corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

Please note that Japanese Patent Publication No. 48-029478 is not cited herein, as it was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement for the present application. Also, Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 7,022,302 is an English-language equivalent of JP2006-511423.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.


Certification

This Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action for the present application, and this paper is thus submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b).

In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of this document. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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